



SPECIAL EDITION

**MDOC IDENTIFIES ADDITIONAL SAVINGS
ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRISON CLOSURES**

An Executive Order issued by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and approved by the Legislature yesterday includes closures of Deerfield Correctional Facility in Ionia and Camp Branch in Coldwater. These closures are part of a \$26 million mid-year reduction in funding faced by the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC). This reduction is in addition to the \$50 million in savings already realized at the beginning of the fiscal year.

To eliminate any confusion for those reviewing the Executive Order, the two facilities identified for closure are actually included in the line item appropriations for the Lakeland Correctional Facility (LCF) and the Michigan Reformatory (RMI). The LCF budget is reduced by \$5,810,200 to eliminate the funding for operation of Camp Branch from April 1 through the remainder of the fiscal year. Similarly, the Michigan Reformatory budget will be reduced by \$10,555,500 - the operating cost of Deerfield Correctional Facility from April 1 until year-end. LCF and RMI are not closing.

The Executive Order identifies several other MDOC funding reductions that reflect operational costs directly associated with the prison and camp closures.

- New Employee Training will be reduced by \$3,611,000. Funding remains to train up to 250 new officers if necessary.
- Information technology costs will be reduced by \$61,800.
- Health care costs are reduced, saving \$3,158,000.
- Educational programming will be reduced by \$716,900.
- Prison food service costs will be reduced by \$3,158,500.
- Prisoner transportation costs will be reduced by \$111,100.



In addition to the funding reductions, the Department is reinvesting \$2.36 million which will provide funding for 800 new GPS units and several new Field Operations Administration positions to enhance the supervision of offenders in the community.

The Department and our partners in other state agencies will work with affected employees to provide answers and find reasonable solutions to employee concerns. The MDOC remains committed to working with our stakeholders in developing long-term correctional management strategies that reduce recidivism while protecting the safety of Michigan's citizens.